(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure some priority and equality in giving welfare benefits to minority Beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Government is aware that a sizeable section of Beedi workers belong to the minority in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

No such survey has been carried out.

and (d) There is no such lapse in the existing system. Benefits of the welfare schemes are provided equally to all beedi workers, including minority beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.

Corruption in Employment Exchanges

2140. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

the number of persons who could be provided jobs through employment exchanges in the country during 2007, State-wise;

the number out of them employed by Government agencies and thereby others;

whether Government has received any complaints regarding corruption and other irregularities indulged into by the officers and staff in the employment exchanges;

if so, the details thereof;

whether any inquiry was conducted into the allegations during 2007; and

if so, the finding thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) State-wise details of placement effected through employment exchanges in both public and private sector establishments in the country as on 31 st December 2007 are given in the enclosed statement. *(See* below)

(c) to (f) No such complaint has been received in the recent past. However, Employment Exchanges function under administrative control of the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Matters relating to complaints regarding corruption and other irregularities indulged into by the officers and staff in Employment Exchanges are inquired into by them and appropriate action taken.

Statement

State-wise details of Placement effected through employment exchanges in Public sector and Private sector establishments in the Country for the year ended 2007

SI. No.	States/UT	Total Placement
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1298
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	59
3.	Assam	382
4.	Bihar	129
5.	Chhattisgarh	1384

1	2	3
6.	Delhi	105
7.	Goa	1636
8.	Gujarat	178346
9.	Haryana	3686
10.	Himachal Pradesh	681
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	0
12.	Jharkhand	1833
13.	Karnataka	1651
14.	Kerala	10962
15.	Madhya Pradesh	3870
16.	Maharashtra	8207
17.	Manipur	35
18.	Meghalaya	17
19.	Mizoram	285
20.	Nagaland	146
21.	Orissa	3756
22.	Punjab	3021
23.	Rajasthan	4544
24.	Sikkim*	
25.	Tamilnadu	23757
26.	Tripura	410
27.	Uttranchal	3803
28.	Uttar Pradesh	3290
29.	West Bengal	5304
30.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	543
31.	Chandigarh	172
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
33.	Daman & Diu	0
34.	Lakshadweep	0
35.	Pondicherry	228
	All India	263540

*No Employment Exchanges is functioning in this States.